

ARGUMENTS/REMARKS

Applicants would like to thank the examiner for the careful consideration given the present application. The application has been carefully reviewed in light of the Office action, and amended as necessary to more clearly and particularly describe and claim the subject matter which applicants regard as the invention.

Claims 1-8 remain in this application. The examiner has acknowledged that claims 1 and 8 are directed to allowable subject matter. Claims 2 and 8 have been amended for editorial purposes only. New claims 9-16 have been added without adding any new material.

Claim 2 was objected to for an improperly spelled term. The claim has been amended to address this problem. This corrects problems in those claims that were dependent upon claim 2, as well.

Claim 6 was rejected under 35 U.S.C. §112, second paragraph, as being indefinite for improper antecedent basis. The claim has been amended to correct this problem, and to correct a misspelled term.

Accordingly, all claims are now in a condition for allowance because all objections and rejections have been addressed.

New claims 9-16 have been added. The phrase "statistical frequency distribution" is based on the statistical definition of a histogram, and thus those claims are patentable for the same reasons as claims 1-8.

In consideration of the foregoing analysis, it is respectfully submitted that the present application is in a condition for allowance and notice to that effect is hereby requested. If it is determined that the application is not in a condition for allowance, the examiner is invited to initiate a telephone interview with the undersigned attorney to expedite prosecution of the present application.

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